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SUBJ: IS OPEC MEETING A NON-EVENT?

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1. MEDIA COVERAGE OF OPEC CONFERENCE FOLLOWING OPENING SESSION ON JULY 12 LEADS OBSERVERS TO BELIEVE THAT LITTLE HAS HAPPENED, OR IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN. OPEC INFORMATION CHIEF HAMID ZAHERI REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS COVERING CONFERENCE (THERE ARE SOME 600 MEDIA PEOPLE ACCREDITED). ZAHERI CONSIDERED MEETING RATHER UNINTERESTING FROM NEWSMEN'S VIEWPOINT SINCE IT WOULD DEAL PRIMARILY WITH INTERNAL PRICE QUESTIONS AND NOT WITH GENERAL OIL PRICE INCREASES. ZAHERI THOUGH IT FELICITOUS THAT A ROYAL BIRTH WAS IMMINENT IN SWEDEN, GIVING MEDIA PEOPLE SOMETHING SUBSTANTIVE TO REPORT BACK HOME. ARRIVAL STATEMENTS BY AMOUZEGAR, YAMANI, ET AL, WERE BRIEF REHASHES OF OLD POSITIONS OR PAEANS ABOUT VIRTUE OF HOLDING MEETING IN STOCKHOLM.
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2. SOME DIRECT QUOTATIONS FROM JOURNALISTS COVERING THE CONFERENCE WILL ILLUSTRATE ATMOSPHERE ON LOCATION AT NOON ON TUESDAY: "I HAVE NOTHING TO REPORT, BUT, AS I SAY, ANY PLACE WHERE THEY GIVE FRISBEES TO JOURNALISTS, OR DARTS, OR OTHER PLAY EQUIPMENT, HAS TO BE INTO SOMETHING GOOD. THIS IS A LOVELY CONFERENCE, VERY WELL RUN, AND EVERYBODY IS HAVING A GOOD TIME--ESPECIALLY IF NOTHING HAPPENS."
"THE MINISTERS ARE HUGGING AND KISSING EACH OTHER AND MAKING UP AFTER THE PRICE DIFFERENCE. AND MY FEELING IS THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE THE WHOLE OF THE CONFERENCE."

3. ANOTHER JOURNALIST SAID IN THE RADIO INTERVIEW THAT THE OPEC PRESS CHIEF HAD ANNOUNCED AT NOON THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD PROBABLY BE OVER BY THE EVENING. ALL THAT WOULD REMAIN FOR THE DELEGATES TO DO WOULD BE TO LUNCH WITH THE SWEDISH KING ON WEDNESDAY AND THEN RETURN HOME. INDEED, FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON GIVEN BY OPEC FOR THE GOS, THE PRESS SPOKESMAN STATED HE THOUGHT THE CONFERENCE WOULD END THIS EVENING.

4. ONE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPEMENT WAS PROVIDED BY SWEDISH ENERGY MINISTER OLOF JOHANSSON WHO TOLD NEWSMEN THAT SWEDEN WILL HOLD

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TALKS WITH NIGERIA AIMING AT A BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR THE
PROVISION OF NIGERIAN OIL AND NATURAL GAS. NIGERIAN OIL
MINISTER MOHAMMED BUHARI CONFIRMED THAT A MEETING WOULD TAKE
PLACE NEXT MONTH.
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